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E.O. 12065: GDS 1/7/86 (FREEMAN, ANTHONY G.) OR-P
TAGS: SHUM PEPR PORG OAS AR
SUBJ: (U) ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER DISAPPOINTED OVER HUMAN
RIGHTS REPORT

REF: A) BUENOS AIRES 0102 AND B) BUENOS AIRES 0122

1. (U) FOREIGN MINISTER CARLOS PASTOR TOLD THE PRESS
JANUARY 5 THAT THE REPORT BY THE OAS INTER-AMERICAN
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (IAHRC) ON THE ARGENTINE
SITUATION "IS FAR FROM BEING THE OBJECTIVE AND IMPARTIAL
JUDGMENT WE HAD EXPECTED," AND ADDED THAT "I FEEL
DISAPPOINTED" BECAUSE "UNDOUBTEDLY IT IS NOT AS FAIR...
AS IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN." HE REPORTED THAT "IN A FEW
WEEKS THERE WILL BE MORE PUBLICITY ABOUT THIS AND
ABOUT THE LINE OF CONDUCT THE GOVERNMENT WILL ADOPT"
REGARDING THE OAS REPORT.

2. THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S COMMENTS CONFIRM OTHER
REPORTS WE HAVE RECEIVED THAT THE GOA IS TAKING THE
IAHRC REPORT BADLY. HIS COMMENTS ALSO REFLECT THE
SIEGE MENTALITY WHICH CHARACTERIZES THE FOREIGN
MINISTRY'S APPROACH TO DEALING WITH INTERNATIONAL
CRITICISM OF THE GOA'S HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD AND WHICH
GENERALLY COLORS ITS CURRENT APPROACH TO BROADER INTERNATIONAL
QUESTIONS. AS DEMONSTRATED IN THE ACTING FOREIGN
MINISTER'S JANUARY 6 CONVERSATION WITH THE CHARGE
ON THE AFGHAN CRISIS (REFTEL B).
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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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